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PUBLIC DISCLOSURE NOTICE INTENT TO ADOPT FINDINGS PURSUANT TO SECTION 15183 OF THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of San Diego intends to adopt findings in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act Section 15183 for the following project(s). The proposed findings and the associated analysis can be reviewed at http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/pds/ceqa_public_review.html, at Planning & Development Services (PDS), Project Processing Counter and 5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 110, San Diego, California 92123. Under this process, public review is not required however any comments received will be accepted and taken into consideration. A FAQ sheet on the 15183 CEQA exemption process can be located at <http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/pds/zoning/formfields/PDS-202.pdf>. Comments on these findings must be sent to the PDS address listed above and should reference the project number and name.

BROOK FOREST MITIGATION BANK; PDS2014-LDGRMJ-00003, PDS2015-LPR-15-004, LOG NO. PDS2015-ER-15-08-015. The project is the creation of a mitigation bank known as the Brook Forest Mitigation Bank (BFMB) on approximately 226 acres of vacant land located in the Valley Center Community Plan Area of unincorporated San Diego County, south of Betsworth Road. The BFMB will be approved by the Army Corps of Engineers and the California Department of Fish & Wildlife. After excluding roads and easements, the BFMB will protect 224.2 acres, including the preservation of approximately 190.1 acres of sensitive and protected upland and riparian habitat and the creation of approximately 26.4 acres of wetlands. The site is currently vacant. Once established, there would be no public access to the site and only minimal monitoring visits. The irrigation would be provided by groundwater from an on-site well. The wetlands will be created on site by lowering the ground level within the Moosa Canyon Creek floodplain on-site an average of one to three feet and up to six feet resulting in ground elevations that are 12 to 18 inches from the water table. No work will be done in the Moosa Canyon Creek floodway. Approximately 80,000 cubic yards of soil will be excavated from the Moosa Canyon Creek floodplain adjacent to the streambed to achieve the wetlands establishment area. There will be no import or export of fill. Excavated soils will be loaded and transported to a 7.3 acre dirt disposal site within the BFMB Property. The 7.3 acre dirt disposal site is located approximately 500 feet south of Moosa Canyon Creek in an area previously disturbed by existing dirt roads. Following completion of the dirt disposal, this 7.3 acre area will be reseeded with native species associated with coastal sage scrub and mixed chaparral. Comments on the proposed findings and associated analysis must be received no later than **August 28 at 4:00 p.m.** (a 30 day public disclosure notice period). For additional information, please contact Beth Ehsan at (858) 694-3103 or by e-mail at Beth.Ehsan@sdcounty.ca.gov.